

**Calcasieu Parish Public Library
BOARD OF CONTROL
LIBRARY SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

301 W. Claude Street

May 2, 2023

9:00 AM

The Library Service, Resources, and Policies Committee of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library BOARD OF CONTROL met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the Central Library, Mrs. Laura Richardson, Chair, presided.

Present

Mrs. Laura Richardson, Chair
Ms. Alice Danclar
Mrs. Dale Schanz
Mr. Anthony Zaunbrecher, *ex-officio*

Absent

Mr. E. Brent Washington

Also: Ms. Marjorie Harrison, Library Director, Ms. Sheryl Chaisson, Collections and Computing Services Librarian, and Karen Daigle, recorder.

1. Call to Order – Mrs. Richardson called the meeting to order and at 9:00 AM
2. Adoption of the Agenda

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. SCHANZ, SECONDED BY MR. ZAUNBRECHER, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Public Comments of Items on Agenda – There were no public comments.
4. Presentation of the draft Social Software Policy and consideration to recommend the policy to the Board for approval.
 - a. Mrs. Richardson asked if there were any questions about the first item on the agenda.
 - b. Ms. Harrison commented Mr. Quirk, the library's legal liaison, looked over the policy prior to sending it to the Committee.
 - c. Dr. Schanz said she liked the disclaimer section at the end.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. SCHANZ, SECONDED BY MS. DANCLAR, TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD ADOPTION OF THE REVISED SOCIAL SOFTWARE POLICY AS PRESENTED.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Presentation of the draft Collection Development Policy and consideration to recommend the policy to the Board for approval.
 - a. Mrs. Richardson said she hoped everyone had gotten a chance to look over the Collection Development Policy, as it was longer, and asked if there were any questions or comments.
 - b. Mrs. Richardson commented on the fact that Tracy D. Hall, the first African American woman to lead the American Library Association, had been ranked one

- of Time's 100 Most Influential People of 2023, explaining that her slogan, "Free people read freely." is a good point.
- c. Dr. Schanz stated, "The thing about freely is they do also have freedom to voice opinion."
 - d. Mrs. Richardson agreed, adding that we don't want to take it away, but they also shouldn't dictate what we read.
 - e. Mrs. Richardson asked Ms. Harrison if she had any comments.
 - f. Ms. Harrison said that the legal liaison reviewed the policy. He said while some portions could cause offense, the overall results are the inclusive and non-censorship goals of any and all libraries.
 - g. Mrs. Richardson asked if there were any disputes when staff were working to update the policy.
 - h. Ms. Harrison explained, Sheryl put out a survey with the original policy asking staff to point out things for clarification or things they did not understand. We added the FAQ at the end addressing some of those concerns.
 - i. Ms. Danclar questioned if the updated policies will be available to the public on the internet.
 - j. Ms. Harrison explained the current policies are online on the library's website, and accessible to the public. They have not been updated in a while. The policies are now more organized and concise; easier to navigate.
 - k. Dr. Schanz wanted to know if the collection contained bibles or other religious materials, we could see complaint from the other side.
 - l. Ms. Harrison confirmed the library does have bibles in the collection.
 - m. Ms. Chaisson added, there are multiple religions represented in the children's and adult's non-fiction collections.
 - n. Mrs. Richardson concluded, hopefully these policies should cover any questions that may come up, and we have a Request for Reconsideration form, so there is recourse. She commented, "I like that it asks for suggestions for replacement."

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. SCHANZ, SECONDED BY MS. DANCLAR, TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD ADOPTION OF THE REVISED COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6. Anything else to come before the committee.
 - a. Ms. Harrison stated the Circulation Policy would probably be ready to come before the Committee soon. Explaining she will send it to Mr. Quirk for review before bringing it to the Committee.
- 7. Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. SCHANZ, SECONDED BY MS. DANCLAR, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM

APPROVED


Marjorie Harrison, Secretary